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areas of Downers Grove

Bruce, I sent this same e-mail just now to the Citizens' Advisory Group and to the Governor's Action Team. Carol

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Update to the Governor's Action Team and the Downers Grove Area Citizens' Advisory Group about the settlement regarding connections to the public water supply (PWS) for residents whose wells have been affected by TCE and/or PCE contamination:

U.S. EPA, Illinois EPA and the Illinois Attorney General's Office (IAGO) have reached a "conceptual agreement" with the Potentially Responsible Party (PRP) group on a settlement approach where that Group would pay the costs of connecting residents in the affected area to the PWS. The Agencies hope to complete the negotiations and finalize settlement documents in approximately 4-6 weeks. Under this framework, the residents would sign up with the Village of Downers Grove for entry into a low-interest loan program offered by the DuPage Water Commission to finance the connections, and the PRPs would make the loan payments. The public water connections and the loan program would be available for approximately 800 homes with private drinking water wells that have been or could be affected by TCE and/or PCE contamination in three unincorporated areas of Downers Grove. Because the parties are still negotiating details of the agreement (and the settlement could still fall through), the Agencies are not in a position to release further details at this time.

The Village of Downers Grove will make use of the Illinois EPA grant to install infrastructure in the North Belmont Park area where no water mains presently exist. Details must be finalized among the Village of Downers Grove, DuPage County and the PRP Group on the terms and conditions of the financing for the County to make the residential water connections.

U.S. EPA, Illinois EPA and the IAGO plan to issue a news release mid- next week about this "conceptual agreement" and announcing a public meeting for late February to discuss details of the water connections with citizens and to seek comment.

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